negotiations relating to reporting and review under the Kyoto Protocol and rules of procedure of Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) as well as simplified modalities and procedures for small-scale CDM projects. The Declaration also urges Parties to promote technological advances through research and development, to substantially increase renewable energy resources, and to promote the dissemination of greenhouse gas mitigation technologies through public sector and market-oriented approaches.

Penalty on States for negligence towards environment

386. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have been penalised by the Supreme Court during the last one year for neglecting and showing indifference towards environment;

(b) whether these States have assured to follow the environment related rules in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have issued or propose to issue any guideline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The Supreme Court has recently penalized the Himachal Pradesh State Government for negligence of omission on its part to preserve and protect the environment. This was in respect of Public Interest Litigation against defacing of rocks through painting of advertisement by the commercial organizations. The Central Empowered Committee set up the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been asked to enforce necessary measures. The existing environment and forest statutes stipulate necessary guidelines for protection and conservation of environment.